



# DACULA — ON TRACK



THE GAZEBO AT OLDE MILL PARK



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Fall has come at last. Temperatures are falling, and the greenery that is Dacula is turning color.

Several fall festivals have been held in the Dacula area, and several more celebrations are to come. Perhaps the largest of the fall festivals in Dacula was held on the campus of Hebron Baptist Church with several thousand participants attending on the Saturday before Halloween.

Cornerstone Village Shopping Center held a fall festival at 2300 Liam Avenue on November 1. Despite the cold, blustery day several people braved the cold to participate as vendors and attendees.

Events that are upcoming that are free include the Christmas Tree Lighting in Historic Downtown Dacula on Monday, December 1, 2014 at 7:00 p. m., and Christmas in Dacula at the corner of Fence Road and Dacula Road on Sunday afternoon December 7, 2014 from 2:00 p. m. – 8:00 p. m.



Please shop with our small entrepreneurs and our national companies in this holiday season. All our businesses need your support, and when you spend money locally, the local economy benefits.

### Permitting Activities October 2014

Residential Building Permits	2
Commercial Building Permits	1
Plan Reviews	1
Temporary Sign Permits	2
Temporary Use Permits	2
Interior Finish Permits	1
Demolition Permits	1





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If you want to learn more about the early years of country music look no farther than the late Dacula resident, Gid Tanner and his country music band the Skillet Lickers. Former Governor Zell Miller honored Mr. Tanner in his writings about early country music groups:

“When historians sit down to sort out the what and why of 20th Century American Music, they will have to accord high ranking to the influence of Gid Tanner on all of its forms. Tanner, a chicken farmer, never in his life fully comprehended the importance of the bridge he and his wild band of musical geniuses known as the Skillet Lickers built between traditional folk and modern popular music.

They not only gave respectability and popularity to what previously had been derided as "hillbilly" music, but they also served as the initial catalyst in the sweeping electronic evolution which brought this nation's music to the mix of country, jazz, blues, and urban pop which gives commonality to American music as we know it today.

Had it not been for the lure of the burgeoning music recording and radio broadcast industries, James Gideon Tanner probably would have been content to limit his musical activities to occasional forays out of his Walton County farm to joust with the likes of Fiddlin' John Carson, his senior, and Clayton McMichen, his junior, in the fiddling competitions of the time, which he sometimes won and in which he always placed.

But then Frank Walker of Columbia Records invited him at the age of thirty-eight to come to New York to help that company catch up with Okeh Records' highly successful issues of Carson's country recordings. He took with him his blind friend, Riley Puckett, who was to gain fame as the first of the crooners and rhythm guitarist, and on March 7, 1924, they became the first southern rural artist to record for Columbia.”

*Zell Miller - They Heard Georgia Singing*

On November 14 & 15 the Colleen O. Williams Theater in Winder, Georgia will present an original play written and performed by the Skillet Lickers. The play celebrates the true story of country music's first **super group** through the intervening 90 years and four generations of the Tanner family.

**Reserve your \$13 tickets at [cityofwinder.com](http://cityofwinder.com) or 770.867.3106**



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## Winter Weather Outlook for Georgia and the Metro Area

Georgia could have a wild winter depending on the exact track of El Nino and the Southern Jet Stream. Several factors go into our forecast with the main one being the size and power of El Nino

So we looked over the last 50 years of El Nino winters and 5 were weak El Nino's, 8 were a moderate El Nino and 7 years were classified as a strong El Nino. We are placing a good deal of our forecast on El Nino this winter simply due that we feel it will be a **moderate event**. The new info below shows the world models leaning in that direction at this point. Here is a guess for the moderate event winter.

North Georgia			
Snow Days	Place	Average	This Winter
1.7	Athens	2.9	3.2"
2.1	Atlanta	2.9	5.1"
1.3	Blairsville	3.1	3.4"
0.8	Dalton	2.5	2.7"
0.9	Gainesville	1.9	2.3"
0.4	Rome	0.7	1.0"
0.6	Toccoa	1.3	1.6"